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Harwich Incorporated Sept. 14, 1694.

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Population by State Census in 1890, 2733.

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## TOWN OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1892.

### TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER.

J. H. Paine.

### SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Ambrose N. Doane, Watson B. Kelley, Asa L. Jones.

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Benjamin F. Sears,.....	Term expires in 1893.
Albert D. Long,.....	“ “ “ 1894.
Chas. E. Brett, Jr.,.....	“ “ “ 1895.

### HERRING COMMITTEE.

George D. Smalley, Freeman Ryder, Henry C. Berry.

### AUDITORS.

Emulous Small, Joseph K. Robbins.

### CONSTABLES.

Mark F. Nickerson, Michael B. Chase.

### ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

Rinaldo Eldridge,.....	Term expires in 1893.
Ozias C. Baker,.....	“ “ “ 1894.
America W. Nickerson,.....	“ “ “ 1895.

### COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

Charles H. Kelley.



## TO THE TAX PAYERS AND CITIZENS OF THE TOWN OF HARWICH:

We have the honor to present to you for examination,  
the Annual Report of the business transacted in the several  
departments of the town for the year ending Dec. 31, 1892.

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### APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 1892.

For Support of Poor in Almshouse,	\$1100 00
“ “ “ “ out of Almshouse,	1600 00
“ “ “ Insane,	700 00
“ Repairs on Roads,	3000 00
“ “ “ Bridges,	200 00
“ “ “ Buildings,	100 00
“ Military Aid,	125 00
“ Town Officers,	900 00
“ Town Bonds, due July 1, 1892,	2000 00
“ Interest,	150 00
“ Schools,	5300 00
“ School Books and Supplies,	300 00
“ Grading Cahoon's Hill,	300 00
“ New Roads,	250 00
“ Miscellaneous Expenses,	600 00
Total,	<hr/> \$16625 00

## REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

### SUPPLIES FOR THE ALMSHOUSE.

Paid Mark Allen, Services as Keeper,	\$250 00
“ David P. Ryder, Services as Keeper, 2 mos ,	41 60
“ Mark Allen, for supplies,	23 12

Paid	David P. Ryder,	for supplies,	\$	9	60
"	H. Kelley & Co.,	" "		120	46
"	Ezra Eldridge,	" "		47	51
"	Thomas R. Eldridge,	" "	for 1891,	67	08
"	" " "	" "	for 1892,	55	90
"	F. W. Baker,	" "		63	34
"	S. B. Kelley,	" "		44	71
"	S. K. Sears,	" "		19	20
"	O. S. Mecarta,	" "		10	00
"	S. J. Miles,	" "		14	04
"	J. A. Baker,	" "		10	50
"	Mulford Young,	" "		15	35
"	E. B. Allen,	" "		7	20
"	Ebenezer Weekes, 2d,	" "		34	81
"	J. F. Tobey,	" "		35	54
"	F. D. Weekes,	" "		91	42
"	S. K. Crowell,	" "		17	98
"	C. S. Hunt,	" "		21	87
"	J. M. & S. B. Moody,	" "		30	13
"	Freeman Ryder,	" "		6	75
"	Everett L. Ellis,	" "		6	00
"	H. C. Robbins,	" "		16	92
"	J. S. Paine,	" "		20	00
"	C. E. Brett,	" "		4	50
"	Davis Lothrop,	" "		25	53
"	Erastus Chase,	" "		16	01
"	Kendrick & Bearse,	" "		19	00
"	Paddock Small,	" "		74	34
"	B. F. Eldridge,	" "		5	00
"	F. E. Burgess,	" "		8	50
"	Elisha Mayo,	" "		5	95
"	Benjamin F. Robbins,	" "		1	30
"	W. W. Cole,	" "		1	00
"	J. F. Small,	" "		2	25
"	Sidney Underwood,	" "		1	42
"	Valentine Doane,	" "		11	05
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				\$1256	88

Amount Appropriated, \$1100 00

Exceeded Appropriation, 156 88

## SUPPORT OF POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Abby E. Robinson,	\$ 20 00
Ellery A. Crowell,	16 00
Alexander Nickerson and family,	103 32
Nellie M. Stone,	8 36
Mary E. Oliver and family,	27 97
Mary J. Maker,	14 80
H. Moody and wife,	21 59
Frank P. Chase and family,	148 89
Alice Hall,	61 00
Emily Nickerson,	23 75
Julius Nickerson and wife,	111 36
Eldridge Wixon,	1 25
Joanna Allen,	41 44
Zebina H. Ellis,	66 04
Oscar D. Lovejoy,	31 25
Sally W. Nickerson,	65 14
Christopher Handy's family,	133 97
Aldena Eldridge,	40 00
Alexander Chase,	11 00
Damaris Cahoon,	33 00
Emily C. Chase, Fuel,	12 88
Clara N. Smith,	50 20
Nancy Nickerson, Orleans,	5 00
Alice Glendon,	4 19
Emma Ellis,	10 30
Hittie Hunt,	26 90
Geo. W. Burnham, Rochester,	50 00
Matthew Allen,	28 77
David B. Thomas,	4 80
Lydia Robbins,	52 00
Geo. Ellis, (diphtheria)	17 39
Everett L. Ellis, “	45 12
Harvey Nickerson, Yarmouth,	20 90
Edwin L. Chase,	52 00
Eben Cahoon, Barnstable,	28 76
Tamsin Cahoon, “	6 07

Eben Cahoon, Jr.,

9 16

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\$1404 57

Appropriation, . . . . . \$1600 00

Unexpended Balance,

195 43

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\$1600 00

## POOR SUPPORTED FOR OTHER TOWNS.

J. O'Brien, for State,

\$76 45

Job Brightman, Fall River, (Paid)

40 50

Lydia Chipman and family, Boston,

46 25

Edwin Snow, Conn.,

6 00

Arthur E. Pierce, Sandwich, (Paid)

12 00

Phebe Nickerson, Brewster,

4 00

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\$185 20

No Appropriation.

## SUPPORTED IN INSANE ASYLUM.

Nellie M. Stone,

\$174 85

Thankful W. Chase,

169 92

Erastus K. Allen,

169 92

Pliny N. Doane,

169 92

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\$684 61

Appropriation, . . . . . \$700 00

Unexpended Balance,

15 39

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\$700 00



The number of inmates in the Almshouse at present is nine.  
One having died this year.

The Overseers of the Poor have taken three children to the Little Wanderers' Home since their last report.

AMBROSE N. DOANE,	} <i>Overseers of the Poor.</i>
WATSON B. KELLEY,	
ASA L. JONES,	

#### MILITARY AID.

Martin A. Bumpus,	\$ 5 00
Geo. W. Burnham,	30 00
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One-half to be refunded by State.	\$35 00
Appropriation, . . . . .	\$125 00
Unexpended Balance,	90 00
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	\$125 00

We are now paying no Military Aid.

#### ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

Paid Rinaldo Eldridge as per bill rendered, for repairs and new roads;	\$1399 58
“ America W. Nickerson,	833 33
“ Ozias C. Baker,	895 26
“ Repairs on Bridges,	69 74

Paid for Clay and Loam,	94 95
“ Drain Pipe and Spouts,	41 40
“ Land damages for new roads,	143 50

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\$3477 76

Appropriation, . . . . . \$3750 00  
 Unexpended Balance,

272 24

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\$3750 00

Clearing Snow,	328 55
No Appropriation.	

### ELECTION OFFICERS.

Paid S. K. Crowell,	\$2 50
“ Ezra H. Taylor,	2 50
“ Willie L. Cole,	2 50
“ S. W. Rogers,	2 50
“ Michael B. Chase, Constable,	2 50
“ Elijah L. Stokes,	3 00
“ Geo. T. Bassett,	3 00
“ C. A. Cahoon,	3 00
“ M. L. Chase,	3 00
“ C. H. Kelley,	2 50

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\$27 00

Paid H. H. Murphy, repairs on railing at place of election,	\$6 04
“ S. K. Crowell, Labor,	4 00

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\$10 04

## REGISTRARS.

Paid Davis Lothrop,	\$15 00
“ Ephraim Doane,	15 00
“ J. H. Paine,	15 00
“ D. F. Weekes,	15 00
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	\$60 00

## REPAIRS ON BUILDINGS.

Paid for Material and Labor,	\$150 37
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## FIRE WARDS.

Paid Sullivan W. Rogers as per bill rendered,	\$46 22
“ Alvin N. Bassett, “ “ “ “	3 50
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	\$49 72

## FISH WARDS.

Paid Ensign Rogers,	\$5 00
“ M. B. Chase,	5 00
“ E. E. Robbins,	5 00
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	\$15 00

## BOARD OF HEALTH.

Paid Dr. G. N. Munsell, Services,	\$5 00
“ “ J. H. Patterson, “	7 00
“ For supplies,	3 25
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	\$15 25

## SCHOOLS.

Paid Teachers' Wages to Dec. 31, 1892, as per order of School Committee,	\$5030 32
“ For School Books,	514 17
“ “ Fuel,	277 27
“ “ Repairs on buildings,	197 33
“ Janitors' Services,	497 19
“ S. W. Billings, Superintendent,	322 10
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	\$6838 38

Appropriation for Schools,	5300 00
“ “ Books,	300 00
Exceeded Appropriation,	1238 38
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	\$6838 38

The above amount was paid for schools from  
Jan. 1, 1892, to Jan. 1, 1893.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid A. P. Goss, printing Town and School Reports, Notices, Tax Books, Stationery, etc.,	\$104 10
“ Dr. J. H. Patterson, medical attendance as per agreement,	71 00
“ Dr. J. H. Patterson, services,	59 00
“ John Stetson, M. D.,	15 00
“ Chester Snow, Hall rent to Mch. 1, 1892,	100 00
“ for recounting votes,	6 25
“ B. F. Bee, printing,	4 00
“ Chas. Oliver, to cancel oyster grant, H. River,	1 00
“ Andrew F. Sherman for abstract,	15 00
“ Isaac Long, damage to carriage,	5 00



Paid for stamps and stationery,	6 20
“ “ Police services,	20 00
“ Levi Long, services with hearse,	13 75
“ Joshua Pierce, services with hearse,	1 50
“ Asa L. Jones, services with hearse,	42 50
“ H. P. Harriman, legal advice,	10 00
“ for travelling expenses on account paupers,	41 06
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	\$515 36
Appropriation, . . . . .	\$600 00
Unexpended Balance,	84 64
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	\$600 00

## TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Uriel Doane, Selectman, 1 mo.,	\$ 20 00
“ Ensign L. Jeraulds, Auditor, 1891,	11 25
“ Geo. T. Bassett, “ “	11 25
“ M. B. Chase, Constable,	7 00
“ B. F. Sears, School Committee,	50 06
“ G. N. Munsell, “ “ Bal.	6 25
“ Albert D. Long, “ “	39 60
“ C. E. Brett, Jr., “ “	27 40
“ Mark F. Nickerson, Constable,	9 00
“ Ambrose N. Doane, Selectman, 12 months,	147 50
“ W. B. Kelley, “ “ “	147 50
“ A. L. Jones, “ 11 “	122 50
“ Overseers of Poor and Assessors for assessing Town and Bank Taxes, Copying State Bills and making returns and services of Board of Health,	400 50
“ Emulous Small, Auditor, 1892,	6 25
“ Joseph K. Robbins, Auditor, 1892,	6 25
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	\$1012 31
Appropriation, . . . . .	\$900 00
Expended in excess of same,	112 31
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	\$1012 31

## RECAPITULATION.

Paid for expenses of Poor in Almshouse,	\$1256 88
“ “ “ “ “ out of Almshouse,	1404 57
“ “ “ “ “ in other towns,	185 20
“ “ “ “ Insane Asylum,	684 61
“ Road Commissioners for roads, bridges, etc.,	3477 76
“ “ “ “ clearing snow,	328 55
“ for schools, fuel, repairs, school books and Superintendent,	6838 38
“ “ Registrars,	60 00
“ “ Election Officers,	37 04
“ “ Miscellaneous expenses,	515 36
“ “ Town Officers,	1012 31
“ “ Fish Wards,	15 00
“ “ Fire “	49 72
“ “ repairs on buildings,	150 37
“ “ Military Aid,	35 00
“ “ Board of Health,	15 25
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	\$16066 00
Amount Appropriated by Town, 16625 00	
Amount Expended less than Appropriation,	559 00
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	\$16625 00

In full payment for the same the Selectmen have drawn orders on the Town Treasurer for the amount of Sixteen Thousand and Sixty-Six Dollars, (\$16066 00.)

VALUATION OF THE TOWN OF HARWICH FOR  
THE YEAR OF 1892.

Value of Real Estate, 1892,	\$805660 00
“ “ “ “ 1891,	777050 00
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Increase on value for 1892,	\$28610 00
Personal Estate,	\$278060 00
“ “ 1891,	\$283746 00
Decrease of Estate, 1892,	5686 00
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	\$283746 00
Increase in Town's Valuation in 1892,	\$22924 00
Number of Polls,	876
Rate of Taxation on \$1000,	\$15 30
Acres of Land including 600 Acres of Cranberry Swamp,	8670
Value of Cranberry Swamp,	\$133940 00
Number of Dwelling Houses,	833
“ “ Horses,	336
“ “ Cows,	192

Respectfully Submitted,

AMBROSE N. DOANE,	}	<i>Selectmen of Harwich.</i>
WATSON B. KELLEY,		
ASA L. JONES,		

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

JOSHUA H. PAINE, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE  
TOWN OF HARWICH.

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Cash in Treasury Jan. 14, 1892,	3451 66
Received from the estate of Amos Nickerson,	15 00
“ “ sale of Luther Nickerson's woodland,	22 00
“ “ estate of Ellery A. Crowell,	99 00
“ “ State Treasury School Fund,	184 56
“ “ City of Fall River, paupers' account,	63 50
“ “ “ “ Boston,	39 00
“ “ “ “ Westport,	41 75
“ “ State Treasury for paupers,	91 00
“ “ W. B. Kelley Guardian of Erastus K. Allen,	500 00
“ “ Nathan F. Snow, (refunded)	47 80
“ “ estate of Hezekiah Moody,	200 00
“ “ Town of Dennis, old bridge plank,	1 76
“ “ recount expenses paid by U. Doane,	6 25
“ “ Wm. F. Sears, Licenses,	2 00
“ “ H. C. Doane, “	8 00
“ “ A. L. Weekes, “	2 00
“ “ A. Howes, “	2 00
“ “ A. Woodhouse, “	2 00
“ “ W. T. Burgess, “	2 00
“ “ Cyrus Cahoon, “	2 00
“ “ Notes, Cape Cod National Bank,	4000 00
“ “ Henry C. Berry, Herring Brook, 1892,	615 00
“ “ C. E. Brett, Jr., State School Fund,	240 64
“ “ expired Insurance Policies,	36 00
“ “ District Court,	5 65
“ “ Cape Cod National Bank tax, 1892,	5737 50
“ “ Michael Pena on dwelling house,	30 00
“ “ Ozias C. Baker, old bridge plank,	4 00
“ “ State Corporation tax, 1892,	1393 83
“ “ National Bank tax, 1892,	434 51



Received from	Military Aid, Chap. 279, Acts 89,	148 00
“	“ State Aid, Chap. 301, Acts 89,	152 00
“	“ tax on foreign ships,	297 33
“	“ old school books sold,	3 63
“	“ Town of Sandwich, pauper account,	12 00
“	“ County Treasurer, dog fund, 1892,	160 68
“	“ Allen S. Megathlin, Collector 1890,	9 82
“	“ Martin L. Chase, account of P. Kelley, Collector 1890,	214 24
“	“ Gershom Hall, Collector 1891,	2634 20
“	“ Martin L. Chase, “ “	2984 00
“	“ Chas. H. Kelley, “ 1892,	8254 82
Total,		<hr/> \$32151 13

JOSHUA H. PAINE, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE  
TOWN OF HARWICH.

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Paid outstanding orders of 1891,	\$ 688 35
“ Town orders, cancelled 1892,	15989 64
“ State Aid orders 1892,	1218 00
“ Committee settling with Treasurer 1891,	12 00
“ stamps, stationery and expressage,	15 86
“ insurance on school houses,	71 30
“ District Court fees,	9 06
“ two Town Bonds, due July 1, 1892,	2000 00
“ interest on Notes and Bonds,	155 00
“ Cape Cod National Bank,	4000 00
“ Justice fees and recording deeds,	3 15
“ Printing,	4 00
“ horse hire and teaming,	3 15
“ County tax, 1892,	985 80
“ State “ “	945 00
“ National Bank tax,	4345 00
“ Town Clerk for preparing tally sheets,	2 00
“ Election expenses,	4 38

Paid Bank tax to town of Medford, (refunded)	41 85
“ repairs on ballot box,	1 00
“ Physicians returns of births,	6 75
“ Levi Long, returns of deaths,	2 75
“ recording 50 deaths,	14 75
“ “ 43 births,	21 50
“ “ 31 marriages,	4 65
“ Treasurer's salary,	200 00
Cash in Treasurer's hands, Jan. 10, 1893,	1406 19
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	\$32151 13

Respectfully Submitted,

JOSHUA H. PAINE, *Treasurer.*

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### TAX ABATEMENTS.

WEST SECTION—MARTIN L. CHASE, COLLECTOR.

Estate, Nathan Underwood, over tax,	\$32 00
Joshua G. Kelley, dead,	6 72
Heirs, Cyrus Howes, over tax,	80
W. W. Chase, over tax,	2 00
H. C. Berry, over tax,	3 20
Louisa Sparrow, exempt,	10 32
Isaiah Doane, disability,	8 88
Charles B. Oliver, over tax,	1 28
W. E. Nickerson, remitted,	2 00
Osmyn Berry, over tax,	96 00
V. Doane, partial abatement,	15 44
Lorenzo D. Cahoon, over tax,	1 60
Allen Crabe, over tax,	1 28
Sheldon K. Crowell, error,	48
Herbert F. Berry, error,	48
Thomas R. Robbins, non resident,	2 00

Heirs, Alexander Baker, dead,	3 36
Thomas Ellis, over tax,	1 00
Joseph Chase, disability,	2 00
John Oliver, dead,	7 76
Martin F. Watkins, dead,	2 00
Caleb F. Kelley, over tax,	8 00
James E. Kelley, dead,	9 20
Frederic Kelley, Jr., “	7 76
Joshua Nickerson, “	11 60
Rufus K. Baker, “	2 00
Heirs, Horace Brooks, over tax,	2 40
“ Abby K. Hall, dead,	10 08
Frederic Kelley, dead,	5 84
James B. Nickerson, insane,	25 92
Heirs, Ira A. Baker, over tax,	2 24
Gilman Hook, personal property sold,	1 70
Mary D. Kelley, over tax,	3 60
Josiah Paine, “ “	80
Joseph H. Barstow, “ “	56
Obed S. Doane, “ “	3 00
Thomas Joseph, transferred to East Section,	4 08
Charles W. Baker, resident of Dennis,	2 00
Heirs, Abial Ellis, exempt as widow,	4 64
Benjamin F. Hall, Jr., non resident,	2 00
Clarence H. Nickerson, “ “	2 00
Hiram L. Nickerson, disability,	11 60
Nehemiah Smith, old age,	2 00
Geo. T. Bassett, over tax,	64
Clarendon Nickerson, non resident,	2 00
Heirs, Greenleaf Pratt, over tax,	3 20
Theophilus Phillips, non resident,	2 00
Arthur M. Phillips, “ “	2 00
Charles D. Cahoon, “ “	2 00
Zebina K. Howland, “ “	2 00
Shadrach F. Kelley, “ “	2 00
Estate, James Baker, exempt,	4 48
Freeman E. Chase, over tax,	2 00
Estate, Wm. E. Ansell, “ “	20 80
Heman B. Chase, “ “	1 96
Heirs, Freeman Chase, “ “	96



Chester Snow, over tax,	9 91
Benjamin H. Bassett, transferred to East Section,	2 00
William W. Cole, over tax,	1 12
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Total,	\$382 69

## TAX ABATEMENTS.

## EAST SECTION—GERSHOM HALL, COLLECTOR.

Ephraim H. Bassett, dead,	\$4 48
James E. Cahoon, over tax,	1 16
Ahira S. Chase, “ “	3 48
Joshua S. Cash, error,	48
Albert B. Chase, remitted,	4 40
Seth F. Chase, pauper,	2 00
George L. Cahoon, over tax,	3 20
Eugene E. Cahoon, non resident,	2 00
Alpheus Doane, remitted,	5 20
Cornelius Eldridge, “	4 40
Heirs, David Ellis, exempt,	8 00
Frank L. Ellis, non resident,	2 00
Isaiah W. Eldridge, dead,	2 00
Heirs, J. P. Eldridge, exempt,	4 32
Dorcas Eldridge, “	8 00
Heirs, Sidney Ellis, “	3 04
Benjamin F. Eldridge, over tax,	2 24
Lefavor B. Ellis, “ “	2 08
Rufus H. Eldridge, remitted,	2 64
Benjamin F. Eldridge, over tax,	3 04
Frank E. Eldridge, duplicate name,	2 00
Frank M. Eldridge, over tax,	1 60
Frank E. Eldridge, cannot be found,	2 00
Abner L. Eldridge, non resident,	2 00
Thomas Freeman, error,	1 60
Albert Higgins, not of age,	2 00
Moses Handren, disability,	8 00



Wilbur H. Jeraulds, non resident,	2 00
Abbie R. Kendrick, error, no property,	16
Thomas Kendrick, old age,	2 00
Wilson V. Kelley, disability,	7 36
Alonzo Kendrick, over tax,	2 40
Kendrick & Bearse, over tax,	2 36
Charles H. Kendrick, non resident,	2 00
Levi Long, error, vessel property transferred,	11 52
Zidon A. Long, non resident,	2 00
Wallace Maker, " "	2 00
Patrick McNulty, " "	2 00
Everett B. Mecarta, " "	2 00
Heirs, Sylvester Nickerson, exempt,	4 48
Hiram C. Nickerson, old age,	2 00
Nathan H. Nickerson, non resident,	2 00
Alexander Nickerson, remitted,	8 64
Heirs, Zephaniah Nickerson, remitted,	48
Joseph W. Nickerson, non resident,	2 00
Widow of Zephaniah Nickerson, exempt,	6 24
Leonard's cranberry swamp, over tax,	19 00
Mark F. Nickerson, disability,	7 28
Oscar C. Nickerson, over tax,	3 20
Nathan Nickerson, disability,	6 92
Abbott Nickerson, non resident,	2 00
Heirs, Luther Nickerson, property transferred to town,	5 76
Joseph H. Nickerson, over tax,	5 76
Percy Nickerson, " "	64
Dean S. Nickerson, non resident,	2 00
Henry B. Nickerson, " " no property,	2 24
Henry B. Nickerson, 2d, non resident,	2 00
Frank M. Nickerson, " "	2 00
E. Ellsworth Nickerson, disability,	2 00
Phebe Nickerson, over tax,	48
Bassett Pond Co., " "	2 00
Seymour's Pond, " "	3 76
Hillard H. Paine, non resident,	2 00
Zedda C. Nickerson, dead,	2 00
Levi Rogers, disability,	5 16
William Robbins, old age,	1 12
William N. Robbins, non resident,	2 00

Charles A. Smith, dead,	2 00
Edgar B. Small, non resident,	2 00
Moses E. Small, error,	72
James T. Smalley, dead,	7 28
Christopher C. Snow, error,	64
Nathaniel B. Small, non resident,	2 00
Thomas Sullivan, dead,	12 08
Estate, Shadrach Small, exempt,	11 04
John L. Silva, over tax,	80
Heirs, Barnabas Taylor, over taxed,	14 28
Heirs, Samuel Walker, exempt as widow,	4 96
Total,	<hr/> \$288 12

### TAX ABATEMENTS.

#### RESIDENTS OF OTHER TOWNS—GERSHOM HALL, COLLECTOR.

Clarence F. Eldridge, Boston, cannot be found,	32
Edmund H. Doane, Chatham, “ “ “	1 60
Heirs, Geo. W. Eldridge, Chatham, no property,	32
“ Elisha Eldridge, “ “ “	32
“ Elisha Eldridge, 2d, “ “ “	16
Geo. H. Eldridge, Chatham, no property,	80
Heirs, Edmund Flynn, Chatham, no property,	1 44
“ James Gould, “ “ “	32
Heirs, David Howes, cannot be found,	32
Henry Howes, no property,	16
Heirs, Seth Harding, cannot be found,	32
“ Enoch Howes, “ “ “	32
Sparrow Harding, unknown,	32
Heirs, Samuel Howes, no property,	2 40
“ John Ireland, exempt as widow,	48
Anna Kendrick, unknown,	64
N. F. Howes, “	1 22
Darius M. Nickerson, property sold,	1 28
John Ryder, no property,	64
Heirs, Warren Rogers, no property,	1 12

Hiram Taylor, no property,	64
Samuel H. Young, property sold,	1 12
Richard B. Hines, Bridgeport, Ct., cannot be found,	64
B. W. Snow, Bristol, R. I., cannot be found,	64
Heirs, Enoch Pratt, Orleans, no property,	32
Alfred O. Pardy, over tax,	65
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Total,	\$18 51

Total abatements of taxes of 1891, \$689 32

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## REPORT OF THE ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

As to our roads no one can gainsay the fact that a decided improvement has been made this year, owing to the generous appropriation voted by the inhabitants and expended by your experienced Road Commissioners. Good roads and pleasant driveways have much to do with making our town attractive and we hope its people will spare no needed means to make its roads easy and pleasant.

It can be most readily seen that the town is deficient in good sidewalks. Your Commissioners recommend that something be done in that line, either by the way of Village Improvement Societies or taxation, as there are widows and others that cannot afford to make walks abreast their land.

Our bridges so far as known to your Road Commissioners, are in good condition at this time, except the Cove and Bell's Neck bridges.

Every effort has been made by us to manage the affairs of the town that we were responsible for, in a manner that would meet the approbation of all good citizens.



Paid by R. Eldridge for claying, turnpiking, taking out trees and general repairs on roads,	\$814 06
“ for stock and labor on railings and spouts,	19 92
“ “ “ “ “ “ Walker’s Bridge,	6 24
“ “ “ “ “ “ Allen’s “	3 27
“ “ “ “ “ “ Culvert near R. Allen’s,	10 21
New road Harwich Centre, Sold at auction to the lowest bidder. Taking out stumps, trees, etc.	
Paid Seth Paine, Sec. 1,	15 00
“ Everett Ellis, “ 2 and 3,	31 50
“ B. H. Eldridge, “ 4,	14 00
“ for taking down and hardening P. Cahoon’s Hill, on both sides, as per vote of the town,	339 13
“ for filling, grading and hardening new roads, Harwich Port, as per vote of the the town,	114 40
“ for taking down Hills, grading and turnpiking new road, Harwich Centre,	31 85
“ by A. W. Nickerson, for claying and general repairs on roads,	833 33
“ by O. C. Baker for claying and general repairs, on roads,	895 26
Paid for lumber and labor on bridges,	69 74
“ for clay and loam,	94 95
“ “ drain pipe and spouts,	41 40
“ “ land damages,	143 50
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	\$3477 76
Appropriation, . . . . .	\$3750 00
Expended less than appropriation,	272 24
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	\$3750 00
Paid for Clearing Snow, R. Eldridge,	\$112 19
O C. Baker,	115 41
A. W. Nickerson,	100 95
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	\$328 55

No Appropriation.

RINALDO ELDRIDGE, }  
OZIAS C. BAKER, } *Road Commissioners.*



## AUDITORS' REPORT.

We have examined the books and accounts of the Officers of the Town of Harwich, entrusted with the receipts, custody and expenditure of money for the year ending Jan. 10, 1893, and find them substantially correct.

EMULOUS SMALL, }  
JOSEPH K. ROBBINS, } *Auditors.*

Harwich, Jan. 10, 1893.

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 LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN OF HARWICH—1893.

Outstanding Orders, 1892,	\$ 111 58
Bond due July, 1893, (Last Bond,)	1000 00
Outstanding bills unpaid,	200 00
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	\$1311 58

## TOWN'S RESOURCES—1893.

Cash in Treasury, Jan. 10, 1893,	\$1406 19
Due from State Aid, 1891,	1000 00
“ “ “ “ 1892,	1218 00
“ “ Military Aid, 1892,	17 50
“ “ Martin L. Chase, Collector 1891,	438 34
“ “ Gershom Hall, “ “	229 17
“ “ Chas. H. Kelley, “ 1892,	8552 21
“ “ Herring Brook, 1892,	615 00
“ “ Other Towns for Paupers,	132 70
“ “ Homestead, No. Harwich, valued at	50 00

Due from Real Estate, 2 lots, H. Moody,	30 00
“ “ Marshall Kelley, 10 acres,	20 00
“ “ Homestead, Harwich Centre,	70 00
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	\$13779 11
Less Town's Liabilities, Jan. 10, 1893,	1311 58
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	\$12467 53

The Selectmen hereby recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing year, 1893 :

For the Support of Poor in Almshouse,	\$1200 00
“ “ “ “ “ out of Almshouse,	1600 00
“ “ “ “ Insane,	700 00
“ Repairs on Roads,	2800 00
“ “ “ Bridges,	300 00
“ “ “ Buildings, , ,	100 00
“ Town Bond due July 1, 1893,	1000 00
“ Interest,	100 00
“ Town Officers,	1000 00
“ Schools,	5000 00
“ School Books and Supplies,	300 00
“ Miscellaneous Expenses,	500 00
“ Snow,	300 00
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	\$14900 00

## REPORT OF HERRING COMMITTEE.

The Committee to whom was entrusted the appropriation of the town of the sum of \$300 for the improvement of Herring River, report that the amount was expended in 1891 and the improvement then made resulting favorably through the munificence and generosity of Mr. Caleb Chase, and thus money was furnished and improvements continued, and from present outlook of conditions your Committee are favorably impressed that the efforts made will terminate in entire success.

H. C. BERRY, GEO. D. SMALLEY, FREEMAN RYDER.	}	<i>Herring Committee.</i>
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## REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH.

The Committee appointed by the Board of Health to improve the condition of Salt Water Pond, report the appropriation of \$100 made by the town, was expended in 1891 and since that time the improvements have been continued through the munificence of Dr. Church, Dr. Gilfillan, Prof. Julian of New York, and others, and have resulted in entire success.

GEO. D. SMALLEY, *Committee.*





## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

## VITAL STATISTICS.

## BIRTHS RECORDED IN HARWICH IN THE YEAR 1892.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAME OF PARENTS.
Jan. 3	Shepard Atherton,	Joseph W. and Mattie C. Raymond.
- " 5	Paul Linnell,	Edwin L. and Annie M. Eldridge.
" 20	Maud Eunice,	William F. and Minnie R. Sears.
- " 22	Morris Cole,	Ahira S. and Reliance Y. Chase.
- " 27	Norman Spencer,	Samuel H. and Julia E. Ellis.
Feb. 26	son, died unnamed,	George E. and Georgianna Ford.
- Mar. 2	Watson Benjamin,	Thomas R. and Emma W. Eldridge.
" 6	Herbert Gifford,	Albert N. and Nettie K. Baker.
" 13	Freeman,	Manuel and Annie Gracia.
- " 17	Edeth Julian,	Samuel A. and Georgie B. Ellis.
" 21	Bernice Osborne,	Sherman F. and May S. Bassett.
" 21	Charles Eldridge,	Charles E. and Sheba S. Robbins.
Apr. 18	Elton Kennedy,	Rufus E. and Marguerite Bassett.
- May 1	Flossie Covell,	James O. Jr., and Beulah A. Hulse.
" 19	Mary Louise,	Charles H. and Phebe L. Taylor.
- June 5	William Ansell,	John N. and Annie M. Kelley.
" 9	Roy Devere,	Otis C. and Louisa K. Nickerson.
" 13	Simon Eldridge,	Benjamin and Emma C. Kendrick.
- " 16	Helen Paine,	Joseph K. and Helen C. Robbins.
" 20	Edwin,	Edwin and Hattie W. Jenkins.
July 3	Lillian Melbourne,	Osmyn and Lillian M. Berry.
" 7	Hattie Stanton,	Obed S. and Mary L. Baxter.
" 8	Carmi Williams,	Joseph L. and Adella M. Crabe.
" 11	Ida Moody,	Charles H. 2d, and Fanny M. Taylor.
" 12	Charles Whitman,	Joseph G. and Mary A. Chase.
" 16	Bessie Franklin,	Elijah and Laura H. Kendrick.

## BIRTHS RECORDED IN HARWICH IN THE YEAR 1892.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAME OF PARENTS.
July 22	son,	—————Kate Tuohey.
“ 28	Gladys Cyrenia Marguerite,	Darius A. and Cyrenia B. Clark.
Aug. 3	Horace Kingman,	George A. and Annie Hentz.
“ 7	Florence Loarma,	Francis A. and Lettie E. Weekes.
“ 10	Arthur Lincoln,	Everett L. and Annie M. Ellis.
“ 12	Sparrow Randolph,	Sparrow M. and Priscilla T. Young.
Sept. 6	Madalene Mercy,	Asa L. and Clara F. Jones.
“ 6	son,	George L. and Mabel D. Cahoon.
“ 13	Annabel Young,	George W. and Pauline R. Ellis.
Oct. 6	son, died unnamed,	Jonathan I. and Ellen K. Buck.
“ 14	Louise Emma,	Harry D. and Eliza E. Handy.
“ 23	son,	Joseph and Kate Degrass.
“ 28	Irene Kerien,	—————Reliance B. Ellis.
“ 31	Joseph Kelley,	Joseph H. and Lizzie M. Barstow.
Nov. 3	Mattie Eva,	Silman S. and Almena S. Smith.
“ 24	Stanley Young,	George E. and Desire Y. Mecar- ta.
Dec. 24	Dan,	Herbert F. and Kathleen Berry.

## MARRIAGES RECORDED IN HARWICH IN 1892.

DATE.	NAME OF PARTIES.	AGE	RESIDENCE OF EACH.
Jan. 14	Charles H. Taylor, Fanny M. Kendrick,	25 19	Harwich. “
Jan. 24	J. Herbert Raymond, Lizzie M. Cross,	22 20	Harwich. Dennis.
Feb. 7	Daniel S. Bassett, Lydia C. Snow,	19 23	Harwich. Chatham.
“ 25	Abner D. Nickerson, Lutie E. Freeman,	26 23	Harwich. “
Mar. 1	Gustavus V. Crowell, Minnie N. Berry,	48 33	Harwich. “
“ 24	William B. Gorham, Maggie O'Brien,	23 21	Dennis. Harwich.
“ 30	Frank C. Kelley, Clementine F. Small,	22 22	Dennis. “
Apr. 24	Ziba Hunt, Priscilla C. Chase,	57 29	Harwich. Brewster.
“ 24	Ernest W. Chase, Annie L. Ellis,	18 17	Harwich. Yarmouth.
May 26	Ephielo Z. Nickerson, Josephine H. Taylor,	24 21	Harwich. Chatham.
“ 28	Ross G. Ellis, Dora F. Newcomb,	26 25	Dennis. Brewster.
June 14	Benjamin C. Kelley, Emma L. Nickerson,	36 24	Harwich. “



## MARRIAGES RECORDED IN HARWICH IN 1892.

DATE.	NAME OF PARTIES.	AGE	RESIDENCE OF EACH.
June 21	Albert F. Lane, Grace V. Small,	20 21	Leominster. Harwich.
“ 27	Frank Pena, Gelena Monta,	26 24	Harwich. “
“ 28	Alton A. Sanford, Hattie M. Hall,	25 24	Mashpee. Harwich.
“ 29	Cyrus Cahoon, Clara J. McLond,	82 75	Harwich. Brewster.
July 3	James F. Small, Nellie D. Ford,	35 25	Harwich. Dennis.
“ 19	David S. Kelley, Florence L. Inman,	38 23	Brockton. “
“ 31	Edwin T. Kelley, Katie Smith,	26 21	Dennis. Barnstable.
Aug. 2	George A. Ashley, Jennie S. Robbins,	26 24	Providence. Dennis.
“ 7	Willie A. Parker, Mamie T. Halway,	24 20	Harwich. Barnstable.
Sept. 27	Stephen F. Hinckley, Hattie T. Baker,	23 21	Providence. Harwich.
Oct. 6	Arthur F. Phillips, Emma C. Eldredge,	28 20	Harwich, Chatham.
“ 18	John Laps, Roza Nunes Lessa,	33 23	Harwich. Provincetown.



## MARRIAGES RECORDED IN HARWICH IN 1892.

DATE.	NAME OF PARTIES.	AGE	RESIDENCE OF EACH.
Oct. 23	Joshua G. Ryder, 2d, Albertine S. Ellis,	26 29	Harwich. Dennis.
“ 26	Clarence A. Ghen, Grace D. Eldredge,	21 21	Provincetown. Harwich.
Nov. 1	John B. Baker, Clara T. Baker,	25 21	Dennis. Harwich.
“ 3	Josiah L. Eldredge, Sadie E. Morgan,	23 23	Yarmouth. “
“ 10	John Ferris, Eunice A. Brightman,	45 65	Brockton. Harwich.
Dec. 13	Nehemiah Baker, Angeline Kendrick,	63 51	Dennis. Harwich.
“ 26	Erving B. Merrihew, Hannah S. Baker,	19 19	Harwich. Dennis.

## DEATHS REGISTERED IN HARWICH IN 1892.

DATE.	NAME OF PERSON.	CAUSE OF DEATH.	AGE.		
			Y	M	D
Jan. 8	Martin T. Watkins,	Blood Poisoning.	29		
" 14	Nehemiah Smith,	Heart Disease.	74	1	18
" 16	Melinda Weekes,	Consumption.	75	2	16
" 20	Gladys E. Chase,	Consumption.	13		23
" 20	Job Brightman,	Consumption of Bowels.	62		
Feb. 8	Hezekiah R. Moody,	Old Age.	84	8	27
" 27	Jane Moody,	Cancer.	80	5	
Mar. 8	Carmi H. Nichols,	Diabetes.	53		
" 15	Betsey Kendrick,	Accidental Burning.	81	4	
" 25	Mary C. Baker,	Heart Disease.	56		
Apr. 3	Francis A. Small,	Old Age.	87	9	21
" 7	Georgianna Ford,	Consumption.	19		
" 25	Asa D. Farnsworth,	Heart Disease.	84		
" 30	Lavina Chase,	Old Age.	84		
May 4	Theophilus S. Snow,	Pneumonia.	65	9	12
" 16	unnamed male, Ford,	Inanition.		2	12
" 23	Alfred W. Eldredge,	Consumption.	30		
June 5	Tabatha Allen,	Dropsy of Heart.	81		
" 17	Marshella Allen,	Cancer.	57	6	12
" 21	Alvin Snow,	Nremia.	77	6	23
" 22	Lucy T. Baker,	Consumption.	67		
July 3	Helen C. Robbins,	Congestion of Brain.	35	5	26
" 16	Thomas Kendrick,	Pericarditis.	81		
Aug. 10	Sarah S. Ellis.	Consumption.	40		
" 11	Roderick D. Chase, Jr.	Dentition.		11	20
" 15	Braddock P. Allen,	Septic Fever.	74	1	2
" 27	Sophronia Briggs,	Disease of Brain.	72	2	14
Aug. 28	James Loveland,	Apoplexy.	51	2	7
Sept. 5	E. Ellsworth Nicker- son,	Consumption.	30		
" 9	Baxter D. Kelley,	Disease of Brain.	74	6	16
" 12	George Ryder Ellis,	Dentition.	1	1	3
" 13	Elam Baker,	Old Age.	78	8	

## DEATHS REGISTERED IN HARWICH IN 1892.

DATE.	NAME OF PERSON.	CAUSE OF DEATH.	AGE.		
			Y	M	D
Sept. 16	Bathsheba Snow,	Dysentery.	92	2	14
" 19	Rebecca D. Kelley,	Rheumatic Abscess.	66	3	20
Oct. 7	unnamed male, Buck,	Strangulated Hernia.			1
" 23	Dianna B. Turpie,	Paralysis of Brain.	67	2	2
Nov. 5	Louise Emma Handy,	Congestion of Brain.			22
" 6	Samuel L. Walker,	Congestive Chills.	33	11	5
" 8	Annie M. Ellis,	Diphtheria.	29		
" 8	Almena Edith Weekes,	Cholera Infantum.	1	1	29
" 14	Cordelia A. Tobey,	Consumption.	51		
" 28	Susan Eldredge,	Old Age.	83	10	11
Dec. 3	Benjamin F. Bee,	Heart Failure.	68	9	2
" 5	Leonard Freeman,	Pneumonia.	78		
" 7	Micajah Burgess,	Apoplexy.	66	11	22
" 14	Sylvana Gomez,	Pneumonia.	1	6	
" 17	Mercy B. Woods,	Angina Pectoris.	36	4	2
" 23	Dianna S. Long,	Bright's Disease.	61	4	
" 25	Anna Cahoon,	Consumption.	76	2	11
" 31	Susan C. Dodge,	Paralysis of Brain.	48		



## REMARKS.

The number of births entered upon record during the year 1892 is forty-three, being the exact number of the year previous. Twenty-five of the number were males and eighteen were females.

The death rates has been fourteen less than that of 1892, the total number of deaths returned is fifty. Nine of the number died of consumption.

Thirty-one marriages have been registered the past year, against thirty-three of the year previous. The law requiring an entry to be made in the town where the marriage is solemnized it will be seen that six entries are made where neither of the contracting parties were residents of this town. The age of the oldest groom given is eighty-two and the oldest bride, seventy-five. The youngest groom, nineteen, and the youngest bride, seventeen.

Rev. Mr. Snow solemnized the marriage of 9 couples, Rev. Mr. Wilkins, 3 ; J. H. Paine, Esq., 3 ; Rev. Mr. Kirkby, 2 ; Rev. Mr. Staples, 2 ; Rev. Messrs. Wood, Tosier, Egen, McCalman, Elmer, Kidder and Atwood, 1 each,

## RECORD OF FIRES.

According to Chapter 451 of the Acts of 1889, the Selectmen of every town, where there is no board of fire engineers, are required to make an investigation of the cause, origin and circumstance of every fire occurring in such town in which property has been destroyed and furnish to the clerk of such town a report of such investigation for record. The Selectmen have reported the occurrence of two fires the past year, as follows :

Sept. 15—Dwelling house at North Harwich, owned by Heman B. Chase, occupied by Emanuel Degress, totally destroyed, valued at \$130, insurance upon \$350, insurance paid, \$175, value of contents \$50. Cause of fire unknown.



Oct. 20.—Dwelling house at West Harwich, owned by heirs of Benjamin F. Chase, occupied by Data K. Hurst, valued at \$1500, insurance upon \$750, value of contents, \$800, damage to contents, \$200, insurance upon \$610. Cause of fire unknown.

#### DOG LICENSE ACCOUNT.

Number of male dogs licensed,	100
“ “ female dogs “	6
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	106
Whole amount received for licenses,	\$230 00
Clerk's fees, 20 cts. each license deducted,	21 20
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Paid County Treasurer,	\$208 80
Amount paid back to town by County Treasurer,	160 68
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Amount retained by County to pay damages,	\$48 12

Respectfully Submitted,

J. H. PAINE, *Town Clerk.*

## Report of the School Committee.

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In placing this report before the public a word or two of explanation may be desirable. In accordance with the vote of the Committee we have prepared our report to come out with the report of the other town officials. This makes the financial statement include all bills approved by the Committee from March 1, 1892 to Jan. 1, 1893. With the exception of one or two small bills this report includes all the school accounts up to this date. It will be noticed that the town report shows \$1,314.41 more paid subject to the order of the School Committee than is shown in this report to have been paid out. It must be remembered that the town report includes all bills paid during the year 1892, while the School Report shows the bills from Mch. 1, 1892 to Jan. 1, 1893. This difference of \$1,314.41 is the amount paid by the town by the order of the School Committee during the two months of Jan. and Feb. last, and they were entered on the last School Report. The Selectmen go on to say (on page 10 of their report) that the School Committee have overdrawn their appropriation. This statement is very misleading, for the School Committee have not overdrawn their appropriation. By looking at last year's report it can be seen that the Committee had a balance of \$291.94 unexpended at the end of their year.

By looking at this year's financial report it can be seen that we have an unexpended balance of \$608.61. The Selectmen in their report have a large number of last year's school bills together with all of this year's. Yet they only give us credit for this year's appropriation. Under "Schools" they say nothing of the State School Fund, the income from the dog tax or the rebate on the School Superintendent's salary.

These are for the use of the schools as much as the regular town appropriation. Instead of exceeding the amount devoted to the schools, your committee have kept within that amount by \$608.61. Next year, however the fiscal year of the town and of the school board will be the same, and this apparent difference in accounts will be done away with. There are other advantages to be gained by having the same fiscal year which are obvious.

This year we pay the Superintendent \$388.44 and we receive from the State in return, \$258.96. The amount received from the State last year was a little less as may be seen in the financial statement.

There are two things that the Committee wish to bring particularly before the parents of the pupils of this town.

The first is,

#### THE CARE OF SCHOOL PROPERTY.

The Public Statutes provide that towns shall furnish all books and supplies that are needed in the public schools. The desire to keep the book in good condition should be as great as if the book belonged to the pupil, but this is not the case. Oftentimes the books are willfully defaced and sometimes destroyed. Pupils will be held responsible for keeping their text books in good condition and parents will be called upon to pay for any damaged books. Teachers should keep this in mind and should see that desks and books are neatly kept. A little care given in this direction will materially lessen the bill for school books.

The law is strict, and parents and offenders are both held responsible for "marking, cutting, defacing, or in any way injuring" the school-house or furniture, out-buildings or trees. The teacher endeavors to make these rules plain to the pupil, but the parents must thoroughly understand them and impress them upon the children in the home.

The second important matter is,

#### REGULAR AND PROMPT ATTENDANCE.

In the lack of this, parents are more often to blame than the pupils. The least excuse is deemed sufficient to keep



a pupil out and tardiness seems in some cases to be encouraged. Of habitual truancy, there is scarcely a case but the attendance is far from what it ought to be. Parents should remember that every absence tends to lessen the interest of the pupil in his work and they should allow their children to lose a session only from most urgent causes. In every case of absence or tardiness the parents should send to the teacher a written excuse giving ample reason for such absence.

#### THE NEW COURSE OF STUDY.

A new course of study has been devised by Mr. Billings, the Superintendent, and has been adopted by the School Committee. It is plainly difficult for a course to be arranged for our town as the schools are arranged so differently in the different parts of the town. Obviously it is impossible to follow any strict course, but Mr. Billings has arranged an admirable course, under which the teachers are now working. The benefit of a regular course of study over the old haphazard go-as-you-please idea, is very evident.

#### SUPERVISION.

Under the Supervision Law of 1888, this town, in combination with the towns of Provincetown, Wellfleet and Eastham, re-elected Supt. Billings who filled that position so satisfactorily last year. The cost of this system is nominal and the benefits derived are great. The number of visits made by Mr. Billings to our schools during the school year, number in the vicinity of 175. Under his earnest work the schools are brought to an equal standard and the work is uniform in the same grades throughout the town. The benefit to the pupil can hardly be over-estimated, and it places the teachers in a position to do much better work.

#### THE PRESENT AND FUTURE OF OUR SCHOOLS.

Improvements must be gradual but there is always an opportunity for constant improvement. Your committee bear this in mind. It is their constant thought to do everything in their power to further the interests of our public



schools. Improvement has been made in the past ; there is room for much improvement in the future. It is the aim of the Committee to improve the schools as much as is possible and yet at the same time keep within the appropriation. The report of the Superintendent further on shows fully the present state of our schools and our needs for the future.

## SUMMARY OF ATTENDANCE

*During the part of the year from the beginning of the term in the Spring of 1892 including the Fall term of the High School and two months of the Fall term of the other schools. Whole number of pupils enrolled in the Harwich Schools, 449.*

SCHOOL.	TERM.	TEACHER.	AVERAGE MEMBERSHIP BY THE MONTH.							AVERAGE ATTENDANCE BY THE MONTH.						
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
High.	Spring. Fall.	W. R. Marsh.	45	44	43		40	37	38	43	42	41		38	35	34
Centre Grammar.	Spring. Fall.	W. H. Powers. Matty N. Burgess.	30	30	29	28	28		29	26	27	28	26	26		27
Centre Intermediate.	Spring. Fall.	H. H. Harriman. Jennie S. Rogers.	25	27	25	25	25		27	24	23	23	22	23		24
Centre Primary.	Spring. Fall.	Etta Rogers. Louise H. Munsell.	34	36	34	34	33		31	30	27	31	30	28		29
North Mixed.	Spring. Fall.	Lizzie Nickerson. Ella K. Crowell.	20	21	23	22	20		20	19	20	20	19	18		19
Pleasant Lake Mixed.	Spring. Fall.	Tamson Eldridge.	21	24	25	25	24		21	20	23	23	24	22		20
West Grammar.	Spring. Fall.	Sheba E. Berry. W. S. Pierce.	25	26	26	26	25		30	24	25	25	24	21		29
West Primary.	Spring. Fall.	Helen R. Ellis.	38	38	36	36	35		34	37	35	35	34	33		32
Port Primary.	Spring. Fall.	Lena S. Ellis.	33	34	33	32	30		27	30	29	30	26	26		24
Port Grammar.	Spring. Fall.	H. A. Rowe. L. B. Grigson.	24	22	22	20	17		29	23	21	21	18	15		27
East Grammar	Spring. Fall.	Marion Nickerson.	18	13	16	14	13		24	16	12	15	13	12		23
East Primary.	Spring.	Emma Crocker.	29	31	35	37	37		24	25	23	31	33	31		20
South Mixed.	Fall. Spring. Fall.	Lizzie Nickerson. Patie B. Eldredge. Eva G. Tuttle.	21	22	23	21	21		24	19	18	21	20	20		14
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## ROLL OF HONOR FOR ATTENDANCE.

[Not Absent.]

## HIGH SCHOOL.

*Spring Term.*—Etta L. Rogers, (Past Graduate) Mamie T. Burgess, A. Lizzie Crowell, Emma Eldredge, Sadie Kelley, George Martin,\* Sadie Butler, John Nickerson, Belle Stokes,\* Mamie Berry, Lettie Foster,\* Ursula Paine.\*

*Fall Term.*—A. Lizzie Crowell,\* Sadie Butler, Emma Robbins,\* Augustus Moody, Lola Wixon, E. Lafayette, Stokes, Jr., Eveline Weekes.\*

## GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

*Spring Term.*—Cordie B. Tobey, Ada S. Crowell, Nannie M. Tobey, Geneva C. Long.

*Fall Term, 8 weeks.*—Alton A. Bearse, Mervin R. Martin, Stanley C. Robbins, Edna B. Baker, Anna A. Bassett, Ada S. Crowell, Mamie S. Kelley, Geneva C. Long, Josie L. Paine, Arthur L. Baker, Orick Hall, Charles B. Snow,\* Joseph Moody, Alfred Taylor, Lewis P. Taylor.

## INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

*Fall Term, 8 weeks.*—Bessie L. Bearse,\* Essie L. Bearse,\* Orwell S. Crosby,\* Arthur E. Nickerson, Harry W. Tobey, Merton E. Bassett.

## PRIMARY SCHOOL.

*Fall Term, 8 weeks.*—Chester Small, Allie Chase, Richard H. Melaney, Lillie Bassett.

## NORTH HARWICH.

*Spring Term.*—Jessie M. Rogers, Maude M. Hall, Grace M. Chase, Myron F. Sears, Myron L. Robbins.

*Fall Term, 8 weeks.*—S. Arthur Cahoon, Myron L. Robbins, Geneva F. Ryder, Myron F. Sears.

## PLEASANT LAKE.

*Spring Term.*—Eva A. Cahoon, Oscar J. Cahoon.

*Fall Term, 8 weeks.*—Sadie Bassett, Charles Bassett, Lizzie Bassett, Effie Bassett.



## EAST HARWICH.

### GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

*Fall Term, 8 weeks.*—Fannie M. Doane, John T. Holmes,\* Isaac B. Kendrick, Georgie M. Nickerson,\* Bertie E. Nickerson, Warren S. Nickerson, Ray W. Rogers.

### PRIMARY SCHOOL.

*Spring Term.*—Lottie M. Small,\* Tammie Chase.

*Full Term, 8 weeks.*—Bertie K. Kendrick.

## SOUTH HARWICH.

*Spring Term.*—E. Lafayette Stokes, Jr., Eveline W. Weekes, Rufus H. Small, Jr., Mabel T. Nickerson, Ida W. Eldridge,\* George L. Small, Wilbur E. Stokes.

*Fall Term, 8 weeks.*—Rufus H. Small, Jr., Mabel T. Nickerson, Louis McNulty, Wilbur E. Stokes.

## HARWICH PORT.

### GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

*Spring Term.*—Charles J. Kelley, Ernest S. Nickerson, George A. Nickerson.\*

*Fall Term, 8 weeks.*—Susie M. Eldridge, Emma R. Kelley, Vira C. Nickerson,\* Bertha L. Phillips, Inez M. Shaw, Curtis D. Crabe, Ernest S. Nickerson, Hubbard Willson.\*

### PRIMARY SCHOOL.

*Spring Term.*—George C. Eldridge, Chester B. Jordan,\* Olive E. Tuttle.

*Fall Term, 8 weeks.*—Eva M. Allen, Irwin C. Baker, Blanche P. Baker, Phinney O. Baker,\* Joseph L. Ellis, Bertha R. Eldridge,\* Eddie N. Newcombe,\* Maude H. Nickerson.

## WEST HARWICH.

### GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

*Spring Term.*—Arthur E. Nickerson, Irving Ellis, Flora L. Howes, Alexcena Berry.\*



*Fall Term, 8 weeks.*—Robert W. Chase, Wendell S. Ellis, Arthur E. Nickerson, Nettie W. Gridley, Ada F. Kelley, Cynthia B. Kelley, Sylvia E. Lothrop.

### WEST HARWICH.

#### PRIMARY SCHOOL.

*Spring Term.*—Ada F. Kelley, Ozias C. Baker, Wallie M. Chase.

*Fall Term, 8 weeks.*—Jennie E. Bearse, Annie L. Hayward, Mary D. Hentz, Annie B. Kelley, David Cummings, Arthur F. Chase, Andrew J. Chase, Tommy Lewis.

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### FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

March 1, 1892 to Jan. 1, 1893—10 Months.

#### DR.

General Appropriation,	\$5300 00
Unexpended balance of last year,	291 94
Rebate from the State on amount paid Superintendent,	240 64
Appropriation for School Books.	300 00
Total amount available for Wages, Janitor, Fuel and Books,	—————\$6132 58

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Teachers' Wages,	\$3707 95
Janitors'        "	390 68
Fuel,	244 85
Supplies, repairs, cleaning, etc.,	204 54
Superintendent,	303 20
Printing for schools,	12 10
Slate blackboards, (High School)	54 68
School books and supplies,	605 97
Unexpended Balance,	608 61
	—————\$6132 58

## STATEMENT BY SECTIONS.

## HARWICH CENTRE.

Teachers' Salary, High School,	\$787 70
“ “ Grammar, Intermediate and Primary Schools,	670 00
Janitor's Wages,	120 95
Fuel,	54 75
Supplies, repairs and cleaning,	117 86
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	\$963 56

## NORTH HARWICH.

Teacher's Salary,	\$222 50
Janitor's Wages,	56 50
Fuel,	22 37
Supplies, repairs and cleaning,	8 50
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	\$309 87

## PLEASANT LAKE.

Teacher's Salary,	\$213 75
Janitor's Wages,	34 00
Fuel,	19 24
Supplies, repairs and cleaning,	17 30
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	\$284 29

## HARWICH PORT.

Teachers' Salaries,	\$534 00
Janitor's Wages,	53 00
Fuel,	26 50
Preparing Fuel,	1 87
Cleaning Building,	1 60
Repairs { Labor, \$1 60	
{ Materials, 7 38	8 98
Supplies,	2 39
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	\$628 34

## WEST HARWICH.

Teachers' Salaries,	\$510 00
Janitor's Wages,	54 00
Fuel,	39 36
Preparing Fuel,	1 00
Cleaning,	9 50
Repairs, { Labor, \$8 75	
	Materials, 1 37
Supplies,	10 12
	4 97
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	\$628 95

## EAST HARWICH.

Teachers' Salaries,	\$465 00
Janitor's Wages,	57 20
Fuel,	58 58
Repairs and Cleaning,	7 27
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	\$587 85

## SOUTH HARWICH.

Teacher's Salary,	\$305 00
Janitor's Wages,	15 03
Fuel,	24 25
Repairs,	13 18
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	\$357 46

## SCHOOL BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

	Dr.
Stock on hand Mch. 1, 1892,	\$166 12
Supplies and Books purchased during the year,	605 89
Old Books sold,	57 48
	—————\$829 49

	Cr.
Supplies furnished High School,	\$125 73
“ “ Centre Grammar,	89 88
“ “ “ Intermediate,	46 22
“ “ “ Primary,	21 09
“ “ North Harwich Mixed,	41 72
“ “ Pleasant Lake “	58 49
“ “ South Harwich “	28 33
“ “ East Harwich Grammar,	47 42
“ “ “ “ Primary,	20 68
“ “ West Harwich Primary,	16 88
“ “ “ “ Grammar,	58 64
“ “ Harwichport	55 25
“ “ “ Primary,	22 08
Supplies sold for cash,	3 13
“ on hand Jan. 1, 1893,	193 95
	—————\$829 49

## DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES.

## TEACHERS.

W. R. Marsh,	\$427 70
W. H. Powers,	360 00
Matty N. Burgess,	180 00
H. H. Harriman,	90 00
Jennie S. Rogers,	135 00



Etta L. Rogers,	60 00
Louise H. Munsell,	135 00
Lizzie Nickerson,	130 00
Ella K. Crowell,	222 50
Tamson D. Eldredge,	213 75
Sheba E. Berry,	180 00
W. S. Pierce,	112 50
Helen R. Ellis,	217 50
H. A. Rowe,	211 50
L. B. Grigson,	112 50
Lena S. Ellis,	210 00
Eva G. Tuttle,	305 00
Marion E. Nickerson,	270 00
Emma H. Crocker,	75 00
Patie B. Eldredge,	60 00
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	\$3707 95

## JANITORS' WAGES.

Tom H. Ellis,	\$34 00
Prince Hall,	56 50
Geo. B. Chase,	54 00
Jesse C. Tobey,	15 45
M. B. Jones,	1 50
F. H. Chase,	50 00
Joseph Ashley,	54 00
E. Doane,	14 00
L. B. Grigson,	25 00
H. A. Rowe,	14 00
Chas. S. Small,	15 03
Isaac L. Kendrick,	25 00
J. S. Chase,	26 40
Elisha Doane, Jr.,	5 80
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	\$390 68

## BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Boston School Supply Co., Supplies,	\$ 50 34
Prang & Co., Supplies,	8 00
Lee & Shepard, Text Books,	3 00
Dodd, Mead & Co., Encyclopedia,	71 25
D. C. Heath & Co., Text Books,	4 89
Carl Schoenhof, " "	88
Leach, Shewell & Sanborn, Text Books,	138 78
Silver, Burdett & Co., Writing Books,	49 60
University Pub. Co., Readers,	72 54
Thorp, Adams & Co., Supplies,	28 04
American Book Co., Text Books,	74 84
Ginn & Co., Text Books,	11 78
J. L. Hammett, Globes, Maps and Supplies,	84 54
" " Slate Blackboards,	54 68
Houghton, Muffin & Co.,	7 49
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	\$660 65

## LOCAL SUPPLIES, LABOR, ETC.

R. Cummings, repairs,	\$2 10
W. A. Eldredge, repairs,	74
F. A. Small, supplies and labor,	7 25
S. B. Kelley, " "	1 14
E. Freeman, repairs,	70
S. Freeman, cleaning,	1 00
J. M. Nickerson, carting,	25
E. Doane, repairs,	50
J. Ashley, repairs and cleaning,	2 75
J. D. Allen, work,	1 87
O. E. Kelley, supplies,	5 64
E. Weekes, 2nd, carting,	1 75
E. Robbins, cleaning,	8 00
J. D. Chase, repairs,	7 25

Freeman Rogers, repairs,	4 00
Everett Bassett, work on diplomas,	8 00
Chas. S. Small, repairs,	75
Stephen Cole, mason,	6 81
J. S. Chase, repairs and cleaning,	8 62
B. F. Bee, printing,	4 00
A. P. Goss, “	8 10
J. H. Eldredge, wood,	7 50
H. Kelley & Co., fuel and supplies,	54 65
Kendrick & Bearse, coal,	81 13
Allen Joseph, wood,	11 50
O. Mecarta, “	2 50
W. H. Ellis, “	2 37
J. Raymond & Co., coal,	14 00
D. L. Small, coal,	70 49
T. Joseph, cleaning,	1 65
Geo. B. Chase, carpenter work,	12 80
S. D. Robbins, cleaning,	15 12
B. F. Robbins, repairs,	2 50
C. E. Hamer & Co., lumber,	14 23
S. K. Crowell, paint,	2 09
H. C. Cahoon, glass,	72
Everett Ellis, work,	13 07
C. E. Brett, supplies,	3 95
J. F. Tobey, “	7 30
F. H. Chase, work,	1 50
P. Small, stoves, material and labor,	34 48
S. Bassett, carpenter,	16 00
Thomas Freeman, pump and labor,	6 95
W. I. Paine, mason,	1 00
J. F. Allen, painter,	1 75
W. H. Ellis, stove grate,	1 25
W. H. Ellis, cleaning,	4 30
Prince Hall, “	3 00

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## SUPERINTENDENT AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

S. W. Billings' services,	\$302 80
" " " car fare,	1 40
B. F. Sears, Jan. 1, 1892 to Jan. 1, 1893,	52 70
A. D. Long, Jan. 1, 1892 to Jan. 1, 1893,	39 60
C. E. Brett, Jr., Feb. 13, 1892 to Jan. 1, 1893,	39 00
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	\$435 50

## COMMISSIONS, ETC.

B. F. Sears, commission on books,	\$9 64
" " Freight and express,	3 71
A. D. Long, commission on books,	9 00
" " bills paid,	6 90
J. F. Tobey, commission on books,	43 63
C. E. Brett, Jr., freight and express,	5 16
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	\$78 04

Respectfully Submitted,

BENJ. F. SEARS,  
 ALBERT D. LONG, } *School Committee.*  
 C. E. BRETT, JR., }



## TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF HARWICH.

*Gentlemen:*

In presenting again my report of the Schools of Harwich, I must acknowledge the guidance of the Hand Divine which has directed us during the year now closed.

I must reiterate also in no unmeaning words my high appreciation of the continued co-operation and sympathy which have been shown me. My relations with school official, teacher, child and parent, have been unusually pleasant.

## COURSE OF STUDY.

At the early part of the term, beginning Oct. 24, '92, a course of study was presented to the School Committee for their consideration. It received their approval and a sufficient number of copies was printed for the supply of the teachers. Copies can also be obtained by any desiring them by applying to the Secretary of the School Committee. I am led to suggest additional attention to the pursuit of "Nature Studies." Other suggestions from time to time may be added. A course can't be absolutely perfect. Every course can only be an aid. The real application which can only render it successful is in the hands of the teacher who can inforce its requirements into the minds of the pupil. As the schools of Harwich are located and organized it must be flexible to a greater or less degree. There exist beside the High School, three ungraded or mixed schools, four Primary, three of these with Intermediate grades added to some extent, one Intermediate and four Grammar schools.

The course is divided into nine grades with the expectation that there will be three grades in the Primary, three in the Intermediate and three in the Grammar schools. Where the Primary and Intermediate are to a great extent combined in the same rooms as at East Harwich, Harwich Port and West Harwich, the course must be varied to meet the requirements that may seem necessary in each locality, although a good degree of uniformity can, we believe, be observed. In the ungraded schools of South Harwich,

Pleasant Lake and North Harwich, the course will be observed, so far as it can be, for the mutual welfare of all pupils. In these schools, which in some respects labor at a comparative disadvantage, the course will be the means of the advancement of the pupil, especially, as it will be suggestive of the work required.

Promotions will be made where the attainments and the mental strength of the pupil seem to warrant. This will be doubtless quite desirable at times in the lowest grades.

### TEACHERS' MEETINGS.

Teachers' Meetings have been held during the year as opportunities presented. It is the intention of the Superintendent to hold them monthly when the schools are in session. While these have ever been pronounced helpful to teachers, the last meeting held was of unusual interest. Every teacher was present, save one unavoidably absent and all the members of the School Committee, save one necessarily detained at home. These meetings are beneficial in bringing teachers and School Committee in close relation with the Superintendent. That sympathy and co-operation which should exist in all school work are there fostered. Practical subjects relative to school work are there discussed by all present. The work of the school-room is brought before the meeting and the best methods of work in the various routine of school life are suggested, their value emphasized and the work in the schools rendered more similar and successful by these discussions. The approval shown by the School Committee and the teachers, so heartily expressed, encourages the Superintendent to believe that these meetings are productive of good and strengthens his convictions already firmly held, that they should be continued.

### GRADUATION EXERCISES OF THE HIGH SCHOOL.

That day in June when a class of such eminent brilliancy and hope, graduated from your High School, will not soon be forgotten. Their names should find a place in this report. Abbie S. Baker, Edwin K. Bearse, Mamie T. Burgess, Bert Doane, Emma Eldridge, Patie B. Eldridge, Sadie Kelley, George Martin, Lizzie Munselle, Ambrose



Nickerson, Bert Nickerson, Urban Nickerson, Bertha Snow, James Taylor, Mamie Woodhouse. These pupils had been blessed with the superior training of Mr. Walter R. Marsh, whose personal influence and magnetism had been impressively left upon them. The unusual excellence and superior merit of the exercises of the class of 1892 upon that June day were a testimonial to the value of the labor and instructions of Mr. Marsh, of no uncertain significance. These pupils with others in Harwich who have gone out from the High School from the influence of this instructor, must feel an inspiration and a prompting breathed from their intercourse with him in the daily life of the school-room which may well urge them to lofty aims and sublime attainments in life.

#### TRIBUTE TO MR. MARSH.

I should not do justice to my own feelings did I not at this time leave an expression of my estimate of Mr. Marsh as an instructor. His work was earnest and faithful. A student both by natural and acquired taste, he infused this spirit of a desire for knowledge into the hearts of those committed to his charge. There was also an independence of thought seen in his methods truly attractive. His pupils were led to think for themselves. Independence and originality of thought were constantly encouraged. His call to a larger and more influential field of labor is that which reconciles us to his loss. That his labors in the future may grow in success even as they evinced a constant and continued upward development while laboring in Harwich, will be the wish of the many who shared his confidence in the past, and who will view with no careless eye his career in the future.

#### TERMS OF SCHOOL.

Hitherto for several years the school year has been divided into two terms among the schools outside of the High School. The school year continued about thirty-two or thirty-four weeks at the longest. It is a pleasure to record the fact that the school year has been extended to thirty-six weeks. This increase causes the length of the

year to be quite satisfactory. More time is now given for study and this increase will be of especial value to pupils in the ninth grade who are pursuing their studies in anticipation of entering upon the High School course. The limited amount of time heretofore given pupils for preparation for admission to the High School has caused a haste which has tended to a carelessness of some points of importance in preparation, which can now be overcome, to some extent at least, by more time for thoughtful and deliberate study.

### DIVISION OF TERMS.

By this increase of the length of the school to thirty-six weeks, the school year is now divided into three terms of twelve weeks each. The first term commenced Monday, Oct. 24, 1892, and will end Friday, January 13, 1893. A vacation of one week will follow. The second term will commence Monday, January 23, 1893, and close Friday, April 18, 1893. A vacation of two weeks will follow. The third and last term of the school year will commence Monday, May 5, 1893, and close Friday, July 25, 1893. It is believed this plan will prove more conducive to the best work in our schools. Under the former system, when a term continued from fourteen to seventeen weeks, an interruption was often caused by a recess of one week which coming in the middle of a term often interfered with the continuity of the work which was broken by the cessation of school work for a week even. By the present plan this disturbance is entirely obviated. I am inclined to suggest one other change. I am impressed with this thought, that if a recess of a week could be given at Christmas time, during the holidays an added advantage might be secured. The minds of the children at that time of the year are preoccupied with other thoughts. Many about them are free from school duties and many of the influences distract from thorough school work. Besides, in many localities this arrangement is observed. At all events it is becoming so well nigh universal that I do not hesitate to commend the change to your careful consideration.



## SUSPENSION OF SCHOOLS.

During the early part of the Fall term several of the schools were necessarily suspended in their work. This result was caused by sickness or death in one or more of the families represented in school. The statute is quite emphatic in its provisions in matters of this nature. Besides every well wisher of the children and youth in our schools must be desirous that every precaution be taken to prevent the appearance or spread of contagious diseases or those of a nature liable to prove fatal among children. This interruption hindered the highest prosperity of the schools, coming as it did when teachers, in some instances, strangers, were commencing their work, but this break in the school work seemed to be inevitable.

## ADMISSION TO HIGH SCHOOL.

As the course of study in the various schools is now assigned and both teachers and pupils understand what will be required for admission to the High School, I desire to suggest most earnestly that pupils in the ninth grade who are present in school during the entire senior year of the Grammar department, or who make up carefully and to the satisfaction of teacher, Superintendent and School Committee all the work of that year, shall be allowed the privilege of their rank for that year's work to a certain extent, when applying for admission to the High School. While I feel that a general examination must be held because of the large and varied number of schools and the different localities from which the High School pupils are drawn, it seems to me that the fate of no faithful pupil who has done good work should rest upon that one solitary test of admission to the High School. I limit the advantage of the year's work to the ninth grade because of the requirements of that grade. Hitherto the study of History of the United States and English Grammar has been pursued in the High School. By the present course a thorough preparation in those two branches is demanded and every teacher is advised emphatically to secure faithful preparation in these departments especially. Neither should work upon other lines of the Grammar work of that year be neglected. Hard work

and faithful application will be imperative during that year. If such can be secured every conscientious and devoted pupil in the senior studies of the Grammar grade should be allowed the good results of self denying and faithful work. A similar plan to this is adopted in many schools. It is inspiring to pupils. It will produce good results I believe. My plan is that a careful record of every test given either by the teacher or the Superintendent shall be preserved and that the results of these tests shall have due weight when the returns of the general examination for the High School are considered.

### PATRIOTISM.

Harwich was one of the towns in my district where I found, as I entered upon my work, Jan. 1, 1892, the "stars and stripes" floating over nearly every school building in town. There is however one school building where "The flag of the Free" does not seem to wave. It certainly is one where this neglect should not be seen. The High School building deserves the "colors." Every true lover of his country must believe in the thorough inculcation of the lessons of loyalty and patriotism. Young ladies and gentlemen in the High School are pursuing the study of Civil Government, a department of study which should be signified with the instructions of the text book within the school-room, should be coupled there other lessons from the object itself without. The national banner will teach these lessons in some ways, where all other objects will fail.

### TRUANT SCHOOL.

While truancy is not at present as troublesome in Harwich as in some other localities, yet there have been a very few instances which bordered very near the verge of truancy. Cases of truancy are liable to occur. When the habit is thoroughly seated and indelibly fixed, nothing seems to efface and cure it but an attendance upon a truant school. Such a school is established in Walpole, Norfolk County, in this Commonwealth. Its advantages are secured by Counties of Bristol, Norfolk and Plymouth. Barnstable County, so far as I can learn, has made no pro-



vision for any truants in any of her towns. Such provision ought to be made. The very fact that the correction, discipline and training of such a school are provided for any whose habit and surroundings demand its provisions, would tend to diminish an inclination to truancy which seems to creep over some small boys at a trying age of early life.

### TRAINED TEACHERS.

The demand of the times is for trained teachers. The air is filled with the call. One runs a risk in placing in the school-room for the first time a person who has given no attention to methods, has never studied carefully the laws of the human mind and perhaps has hardly visited for an hour a Normal school, a Training school or even a school taught by one who has enjoyed the privilege of a course of training. To obtain teachers who have been prepared for their work is the desire of those interested in the highest welfare of our schools. During the year several such teachers have been secured and the result of their work is usually gratifying. When changes must be made it may well be the ambition of all to secure teachers who have thus been prepared. But this cannot always be done. The demand for teachers from our Normal and other training schools is far beyond the supply. Excellent teachers of years' service whose experience is to a greater or less degree an equivalent for special preparation in early life cannot be obtained at such salaries as are often paid in many of our towns. At times it seems necessary to employ young teachers without training or experience. Good work is often done by them. Such teachers, if unable by any possible way to put themselves under the influence of schools preparatory for teaching, should employ every means in their power to be well-fitted for their calling. Teachers' Institutes and Conventions should witness their presence. They should go with note book in hand seizing upon every hint given by those so abundantly able to give advice in methods of school work. Their reading should bear upon their work. Each teacher should be the constant reader of one of the very best Educational Journals giving suggestions in successful school work. Light reading is poor food for a teacher's

mind. Schools taught by those who have been prepared by special training should be visited. A half day a month at least should be faithfully utilized in this way. Sit, stand, work with such teachers and carefully call into exercise such teachings as impress one as valuable. The School Committee of Harwich gladly grant this time of half a day. The schools can reap a rich reward when this time is rightly improved.

### DRAWING.

In my report of last year special reference was made to the importance of Drawing in our schools. Other topics were also suggested. I am glad to announce that a favorable opportunity is to be presented to the teachers of Harwich and other towns in my district and also other towns in this vicinity without my district for preparation in elementary work, for I am always so glad to try to accomplish anything that may be a blessing to any instructor. It is a great delight to announce that Mr. Henry T. Bailey, State Supervisor of Drawing, will visit the district under my direction, Feb. 20 and 21. It is needless to say that Mr. Bailey is an enthusiast in this work. He is earnest, faithful, kind. No one need fear or hesitate in his presence. Instructors have objected to the teaching of drawing because of want of preparation and the inability experienced for means to prepare themselves for such work. These excuses will now be removed. An opening for preparation in elementary work at least is provided. Mr. Bailey is expected upon one of the above named dates in Harwich and the presence of every active teacher in town will be most heartily invited. We venture the assertion that the time spent on that date as suggested will prove an enthusiasm and inspiration for their work.

### COLUMBUS DAY.

But one school was in session in town upon the anniversary held Oct. 21, known as Columbus Day. Had all the scholars been engaged in school work throughout the town, exercises appropriate to this important event would have been held in every school-room. I was glad to learn of the



character of the services held at the High School. Many were present to enjoy the hour and the rendering of selections together with all other exercises, was a credit to pupils and teacher. Three towns, Provincetown, Wellfleet and Harwich, urgently requested the presence of the Superintendent on that day. Only two could be reached. Yet the pleasure with which I learned of the excellence of the exercises of the High School, caused a hearty response in my soul. The importance of free schools, the bulwarks of our nation's life, these lessons of patriotic devotion to the land we love, that inspiration awakened by a new look upon the "Banner of the Free" were so impressed upon the hearts of children and youth that they may not soon be forgotten.

#### HIGH SCHOOL YEAR.

During the time that I have been employed as Superintendent, I have noticed the peculiarity of the High School year. As arranged at present the school opens on or about the first Monday in August. After a continuance of five or six weeks a recess is taken for about four weeks to accommodate the "cranberry pickers." The school then returns to it's work about the middle of October. It continues from that time with brief vacations until about the last of June. My impression is the work of August and early September is effaced and forgotten to some extent by the work and scenes of the vacation that follows. The granting of time to the children and youth of the schools for "cranberry picking" should be continued. The cranberry culture of Harwich speaks volumes in praise of the thrift and enterprise of her people. The young need these lessons of economy and frugality. I would respectfully submit the proposition that the year of the High School began about the 10th or 15th of October, some two weeks before the other schools are organized and continue with a short vacation at the close of the first and second term during the latter part of July, holding the graduation in that month instead of June. I believe the year of forty weeks arranged in this way, which your High School observes for its year, will show an improvement in results above those seen under the present method of arrangement.

## COURSE OF STUDY IN THE HIGH SCHOOL.

By the arrangement provided for the preparation for the High School as suggested by the course of study for the lower schools, a change in the course to be pursued in the High School is hereby presented. History of the United States and English Grammar will be required for admission to the High School. The College course should not be weakened one iota. Young ladies and gentlemen in Harwich should have every encouragement presented to induce them to undertake a College course. I am delighted with the ambition of those already pursuing a course in college or preparing by faithful labor in the High School to enter upon such a course in the immediate future. In fact I would recommend that persons entering the High School determine at first admission if possible the question whether or not they intend to fit for College. If the decision is in the affirmative those branches necessary for admission should be chosen and pursued at the earliest possible moment, that such pupils may have all the time possible to fit themselves for the constantly increasing demands for admission to College. I claim that the larger towns upon the Cape cannot be too lavish in offering to their youth inducements for a higher education. The distance from fitting schools and the increased expense necessary to receive the benefits of such, consequent upon the location of the Cape towns, isolated as they are from large educational centers, necessitate ample provision in this direction of education. The course at the High School should also be eminently practical and adopted for the ordinary life of the graduates. The school should be so arranged as to the branches pursued that a pupil may be prepared for any path of study or labor which may be chosen, so far as it is in the power of the High School to accomplish such work.

If the work in the High School is to continue to be done by our teacher without any assistant, such plans should be adopted as will reduce the number of recitations as much as possible and at the same time give the pupils plenty of work and keep the grade of the school of a character such that it will accomplish the work which has



already been suggested. After consultation with the present Principal of the school I venture to suggest the following outline of study :

## HARWICH HIGH SCHOOL. COURSE OF STUDY.

1893—1894—FIRST HALF YEAR.

### ENGLISH COURSE.

*Junior*—English, Composition, Civics, Book-Keeping.

*Middle*—English, Literature, Civics, Book-Keeping, Geometry.

*Senior*—English, Literature, Physics. (see note)

### COLLEGE COURSE.

*Junior*—English, Composition, Civics or Book-Keeping, Latin.

*Middle*—English, Literature, Geometry, Latin, Greek.

*Sub-Seniors*—English, Literature, Latin, Greek.

*Senior*—Latin, Greek, French, Physics.

Supplementary work in U. S. History will be required of Juniors throughout the year. In 1893-'94 the Seniors (Eng.) should be taking Geometry with the Middle Class but have studied it this year and will have some science or advanced history.

### SECOND HALF YEAR.

The Junior and the Middle Class take Astronomy instead of Book-Keeping.

1894—1895—FIRST HALF YEAR.

### ENGLISH COURSE.

*1st year or Junior*—English, Composition, Algebra, Zoology.

*2d year or Middle*—Rhetoric, Algebra, Zoology, Gen. History.

*3rd year or Senior*—Rhetoric, Gen. History, Physics.

## COLLEGE COURSE.

*1st year*—English, Composition, Algebra, Latin.

*2d year*—Rhetoric, Gen. History, Latin, Greek.

*3rd year*—Rhetoric, Latin, Greek.

*4th year*—Latin, Greek, French, Physics.

## SECOND HALF YEAR.

First and second years will substitute Botany for Zoology. 1895-'96 same as 1893-'94, except that the Seniors (Eng.) have Geometry with second year.

1896-'97 same as 1894-'95.

1897-'98 same as 1895-'96. Thus the alternate years are exactly the same.

Those who wish to take Latin without Greek can substitute Latin for Book-Keeping and the Sciences in the English course.

The course provides for the following studies: Algebra, Geometry, Book-Keeping, Civics with outlines of History, General History, English Composition, Rhetoric, English Literature, Latin, Greek, French, Botany, Astronomy, Physics, Zoology. Greek and Roman History will be studied in connection with Latin and Greek.

It will be noticed that the next year's work must necessarily be arranged to fit in with the present work. After that term by a regular course of alternation and combination the number of different studies at one time will be reduced from nine to six.

Algebra, Geometry, Gen. History, the sciences except Physics, Book-Keeping, Civics, Rhetoric and English Literature will be given in alternate years and two classes will combine in each study as indicated by the schedule. Instruction is also expected in Physiology and Hygiene in the scientific application of the same to the use of alcohol and narcotics as time permits.

This gives four studies to the second year, but as the number of recitations in any branch cannot be more than four, there would be but sixteen recitations per week, none too many for young pupils even in a High School. This



course also requires of all pupils, work in English Composition and Rhetoric; gives all a course in citizenship and supplies all with a general outline of History and special work in U. S. History. It reduces the tax and strain upon the teachers by reducing the number of subjects requiring at any one time his attention. He can be more enthusiastic and ready in teaching the branch at the time requiring his attention. Some such plan as the above seems imperative if one teacher only is to be employed in the High School. Should the town be disposed to make an appropriation sufficiently large for the employment of an assistant, I think in that case each recitation in each class should be conducted by itself. But under the present regime the combination of classes at recitation seems to be a necessity.

#### CONTINUANCE IN THE HIGH SCHOOL.

Nineteen pupils were admitted to the High School at the opening of the school year. A large majority of these still continue in their studies there. Occasionally members leave the High School often to their regret in after years. Pupils once entering upon this line of study should be induced to continue in their course. This evil of leaving the High School is experienced in many towns. My impression is that Harwich suffers less than many other localities. I sincerely desire that the evil may be lessened until it shall cease to exist. The example of the classes of 1891 and 1892 which have graduated since my acquaintance with the town was formed, may well be a stimulus to all to continue in the work until the end is nobly reached.

#### STANDARD OF SCHOOL WORK.

By raising the standard for admission to the High School the value of the work in the other schools will be increased and improved results secured. While History and English Grammar are to be emphasized none of the other branches can be neglected. Penmanship should be taught with care. Habits of neatness and accuracy should be formed. Writing in the lowest grades will receive increased attention. Proper care and thoughtfulness exercised with the children of the Primary grades and carried along through the Intermediate to the Grammar grades should show good results

as the pupils advance in their course. Mathematical Geography needs additional care. Latitude, longitude, difference in time and distance and kindred topics are of especial value in this section of the state. The children must not fall behind their fathers in information of this character.

### BRIEF SUMMARY.

The various schools at the present time are in the main showing good work. No teacher is perfect. No school is without faults. In some instances sickness has sadly interfered with securing the best results, especially breaking in upon the attendance and causing that demoralization consequent upon irregularity of attendance. The monthly report of one of the very best schools in town shows an average of only about 65 per cent. This smallness of percentage is in no sense whatever the fault of the teacher. Her work is of the highest order, yet such absence of pupils, although unavoidable, tends to discourage a teacher and leads one deeply conscientious to dissatisfaction with results obtained. I am glad to commend the work of the Principal of the High School. Careful conscientious work is seen. Faithful preparation for the work of each day is his aim. He deserves, and I trust, will receive the hearty co-operation of all. In several of the schools, teachers who have been favored with Normal training, have been secured. New methods are introduced by them which are proving attractive to the pupils both on account of novelty and practical value. Those teachers who have had no especial trainers are usually alive to the importance of the work, anxious and determined to learn the best ways. When teachers have imbibed this spirit their work will be superior to the efforts of those who fail to see the importance of their work, and results of work will increase in value as teachers improve in their fitness by experience and thoughtful study for their high calling.

The work in the three ungraded schools of the town has attracted my attention more than is ordinarily the case. While teachers almost never choose schools of this character for the exercise of their powers, while all the benefits



accruing from a well graded system are wanting in this class of schools, I am pleased to record good results which I have seen in spite of this difficulty. The teachers show an adaptation for this work. In one of them the continued presence of the same faithful teacher from term to term has achieved results for the pupils which testify most clearly the blessings resulting from the continued influence of our teachers abundantly fitted for the work.

The work in the Primary and the Intermediate schools will be improved by the introduction of more writing and copying. Busy work will be brought before the pupils. Children of this age can be employed in many ways in which they will be occupied in a manner preferable to sitting with folded arms waiting for time to hasten on. While I appreciate all that has been done by the devoted teachers of the past year in this grade and I believe I am well aware of the constant demand made upon the patience of the Primary teacher, I am hoping those devices for the improvement of the Primary pupil will be increasing in practical results in days just before us.

The Grammar schools always require the sterling integrity of an earnest teacher. I recognize the good impressions which have been left by devoted instructors in the past. The future will press its urgent demands upon every one placed at the head of the Grammar Schools. A lofty character and accurate scholarship should be happily blended. The introduction of original plans and the inculcation of practical truth which I have witnessed of late are gratifying and lead one to hope for marked results in the near future.

### CONCLUSION.

I cannot close my report of the past nine months without again giving expression to my sincere appreciation of the encouragement I have received from those with whom I have been permitted to labor. Every teacher employed during the year has been willing to work with me carefully and cordially. The remembrance of this is now and will be in the days to come, a pleasure to me. The sympathy of the members of the School Board has always cheered me in my

work. I have appreciated it thoroughly. Every child from the little one in the Primary Grade to the High School graduate, has manifested a spirit of kindness truly inspiring. I cannot, as I write, forbear to leave on record the deep pleasure I received in the chosen words of the Valedictorian of the class of 1892 at the High School, which found expression from his lips on the day of graduation. Every parent and guardian and those who have no representatives in any of the schools have shown a spirit which has ever been a source of hope. All these words and acts deserve and receive from me my sincerest appreciation and gratitude.

Respectfully Submitted,

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